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## Structure of this Document:

This document is organized into the following sections:

### Section 1: Background

This gives some background information on IDEF1X, CDIF, and the idea of a general information exchange between different tools.

### Section 2: Introduction

This introduces the audience to this document and gives some more information about CDIF.

### Section 3: CDIF - Case Data Interchange Format

This explains the CDIF structure and shows how CDIF can be used as a standard means for exchanging information between IDEF tools.

### Section 4: Description of the Mapping of IDEF1X Models into CDIF Transfer Files

This gives the full description of the mapping of IDEF1X graphical models (diagrams) into CDIF transfer files.

### Section 5: Example

This presents an example of the mapping an IDEF1X model into a CDIF transfer file.

### Appendix A: IDEF1X Categorization Mapping

This shows the problem of mapping an IDEF1X categorization relationship into a CDIF transfer file and explains how this problem can be solved.

### Appendix B: Helpful Diagrams

This provides a couple of helpful diagrams for those who wish to "walk through" the example mapping of an IDEF1X model into a CDIF transfer file (Sect. 5).

### Glossary

This gives some CDIF definitions of terms used within this document.

### References

This provides the references to the documents used in creating this report.

## Conventions:

The conventions defined below are used throughout the Section 4 of this document:

- \* [*Italics*] is used for all CDIF meta-entities and meta-relationships (e.g., *ForeignKey*)
- \* [***Bolded Italics***] is used for all CDIF meta-attributes (e.g., ***SequenceNo***)
- \* [Underline] is used for values for CDIF meta-attributes (e.g., *EntityType* = Kernel)





# 1. BACKGROUND

The Integration Definition for Information Modeling (IDEF1X) is a standard modeling technique used in the logical definition of an organization's data resources. The standard defines the syntax and semantics of the language constructs used in creating an information model. With the acceptance of the standard, more vendors are providing support for this technique.

One serious limitation to the standard is the lack of a formal standard mechanism for transferring information between different IDEF tools and between IDEF tools and other tools for different modeling techniques. This leaves the users of IDEF tools at a great disadvantage. A user is restricted to using a particular tool provided by a particular vendor thus seriously hindering the reusability of the information represented in a model. This may also force an organization to mandate the use of a specific tool. This infringes on a users freedom to use a tool that best supports both the work and the users particular style.

One solution is the use of a standard method to exchange data between tools. The CASE Data Interchange Format (CDIF) Family of Standards is primarily designed to be used as a description of a mechanism for transferring information between CASE tools.

Vendors who support the CDIF standards need only define the exchange mechanism once for their particular tool. This would allow the exchange of information developed using a particular vendor's tool with other vendors' tools that support the CDIF standards. Not only would the use of these standards allow users of IDEF tools to exchange data between IDEF tools, it could also support the exchange of information captured by an IDEF tool with other CASE tools.

The ability to freely exchange data between tools benefits an organization by promoting the reuse of information resources. It also allows the IDEF users to focus more on the analysis of business and information problems instead of problems and limitations of tools.

# 2. INTRODUCTION

This document will describe a mapping of an IDEF1X view into the CDIF transfer file. This work will demonstrate that it is possible to use the standard exchange for moving information between different tools.

CDIF has defined a Meta-model which captures the semantics of data used by numerous tools. The Meta-model has a set of different subject areas allowing the vendors to express the contents of their tool repositories using a standard format. This provides a common definition of model data for communicating between different tools.

CDIF can also be used in situations where vendor defined data that does not map to the Meta-model (extensible data) needs to be transferred. The CDIF Family of Standards includes a Framework for Modeling and Extensibility Standard which allows a vendor to define new meta-objects used to capture this extensible data. It also defines the relationships which link the newly defined meta-objects to the existing standard Meta-model.

### 3. CDIF - CASE DATA INTERCHANGE FORMAT

#### 3.1 Introduction

CDIF consists of a set of standards referred to as the CDIF Family of Standards which provides a standard means for exchanging information between CASE tools. These standards can move both the syntax and semantics of information captured within a particular tool.

The current set of standards is broken into four sections: Overview, Framework, Integrated Meta-model, and Transfer Format. This report uses information defined in the Integrated Meta-model section.

The Integrated Meta-model is divided into partitions or subject areas. Each subject area defines a meta-model for specific types of information that could be developed using a CASE tool. For example, the Dataflow Subject area defines meta-data for process flow models, the Data Model Subject area defines meta-data captured in data models, and Presentation Location and Connectivity Subject area is used to capture the syntactic data about a particular model.

The components of CDIF that were used for this mapping were Common Subject Area, Data Definition Subject Area, and Data Modeling Subject Area. All three subject areas were necessary for capturing the types of information created by the IDEF1X tools.

The Common Subject Area applies to all of the CDIF Meta-model standards. It is used to capture information relevant to all system development objects. It addresses such items as who created the object, when it was last updated and possible synonyms for the object.

The Data Definition Subject Area is used to define data elements and attribute structures. These elements and structures can be referenced with meta-objects from other subject areas. In the IDEF1X mapping the data content for entities was defined using this subject area.

The Data Modeling Subject Area standard is used to capture information created using an Entity-Relationship-Attribute modeling tool. It uses the concept of a role in a relationship to allow for many variations of relationship modeling. This allows for representation of not only the one-to-many unattributed relationship but also the n-ary attributed one. This subject area also supports key definitions for entities and tables, single and multiple inheritance for entities and relationships, multiple data model views, as well as clusters and subsets.



### 3.2 Using CDIF to transfer IDEF models.

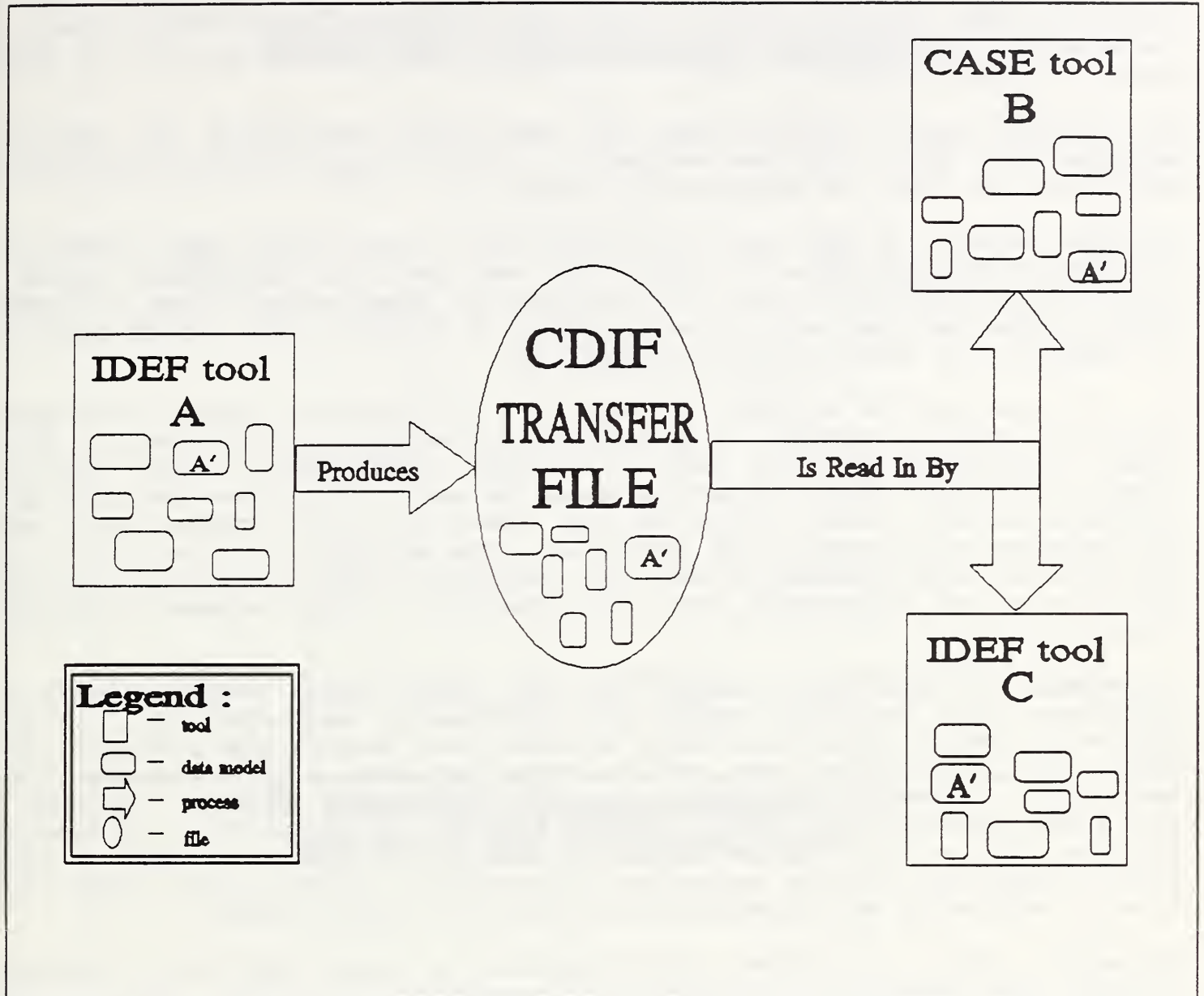


Figure 1

It is very important to understand the basic concepts of a CDIF based transfer. There exists an IDEF tool A with some data models. This tool produces a CDIF transfer file for a particular data model A'. This file can then be read in by another IDEF tool C or a CASE tool B. The CDIF transfer file preserves the concepts of A' through the transfer into the other tools. A' can now be accessed, printed, and modified by a user of tool C or a user of tool B without any influence on the model A' in tool A.

### 3.3 Benefits

Many benefits can be gained from the use of the standard transfer mechanism. One great benefit to the users of IDEF tools is the ability to reuse already created models. Much time and money is currently spent on developing information models, when a lot of the data components of these models already exist.

To promote reuse organizations are developing procedures for managing standardized data. CDIF can be used to assist in this effort by providing the exchange form for standardized data.

Another benefit to the user is the ability to use tools best suited for a particular job. Models created by one user for a project using a particular tool can be read and modified by other users using different tools. This can also save time and money by reducing the effort spent on purchasing and learning new tools.

If an organization chooses to exchange information between different tools it usually invests in customized converters to get the job done. These converters may not work on updated versions of those specific tools. Also additional converters would be needed for expanding this data exchange between other tools. As the number of tools increases so does the problem of managing the transfers. The benefit to using CDIF as a solution to this problem is that CDIF reduces or even eliminates the need for customized converters for the transfer of data between different tools.

A benefit to IDEF tool vendors is that their tools would be able to interface with multiple tools thus increasing marketability. As the figure in section 3.2 indicates, an IDEF tool stores the contents of a model in a file which then can be converted into a CDIF transfer file using the converter developed by the IDEF tool vendor. Through a converter developed by another vendor the CDIF transfer file can then be changed into a file format which is used by the specific CASE or IDEF tool. Since the transfer mechanism is standard, vendors could spend more time on enhancing and developing features for their tools.

Moreover, there is another great benefit to using CDIF as a transfer format. CDIF transfers the syntax and semantics of a model. This is very important to IDEF users because more than the diagrams are transferred between tools. It would be incorrect to simply map a box from an IDEF (or CASE) tool to a box in some other CASE tool without checking the semantics for a box in both tools because those boxes may have different meanings. For example, in the following two pages an IDEF1X relationship is mapped to an ER relationship using CDIF. CDIF stores the relationship content in its meta-model form. CDIF uses different meta-entities to store the contents of the IDEF1X relationship "contains." A CASE tool would then extract this information and represent it in the graphical form.

### 3.4 Example: transferring an IDEF1X relationship into E/R relationship

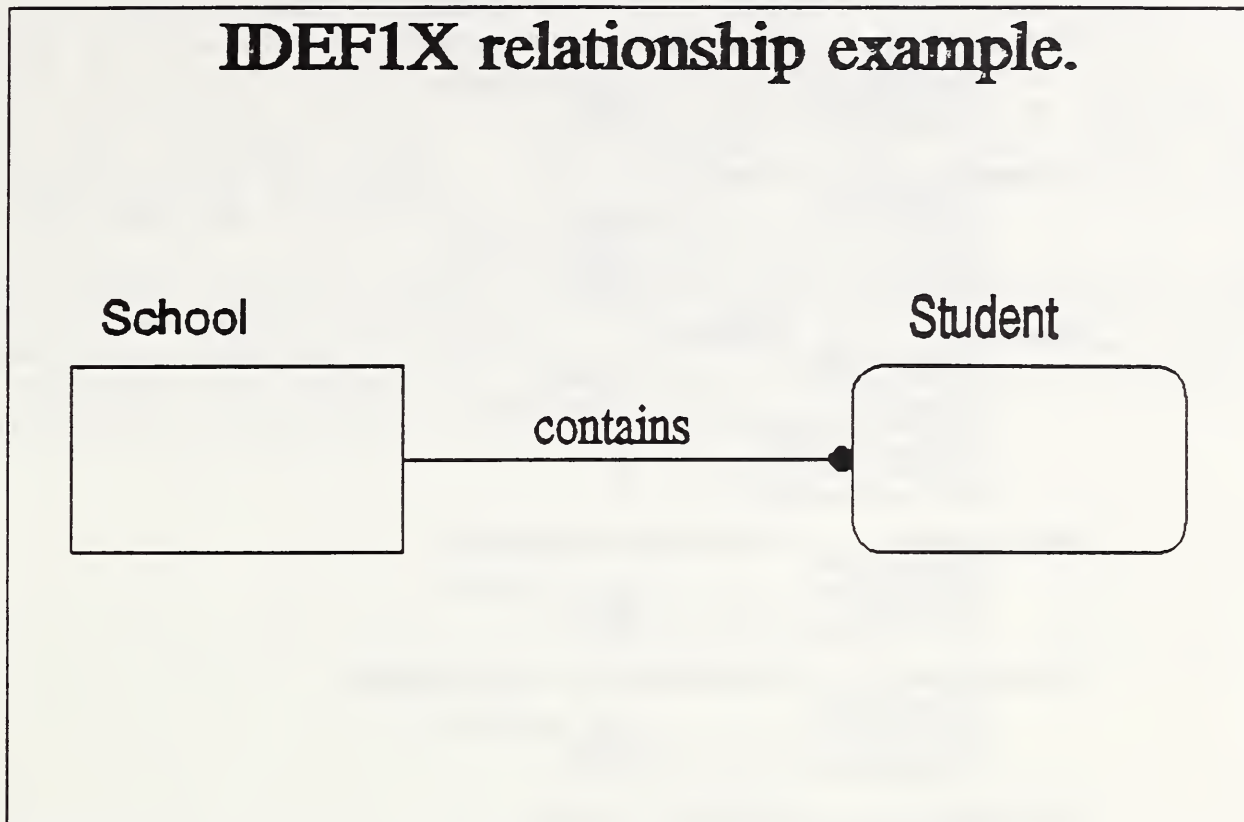


Figure 2

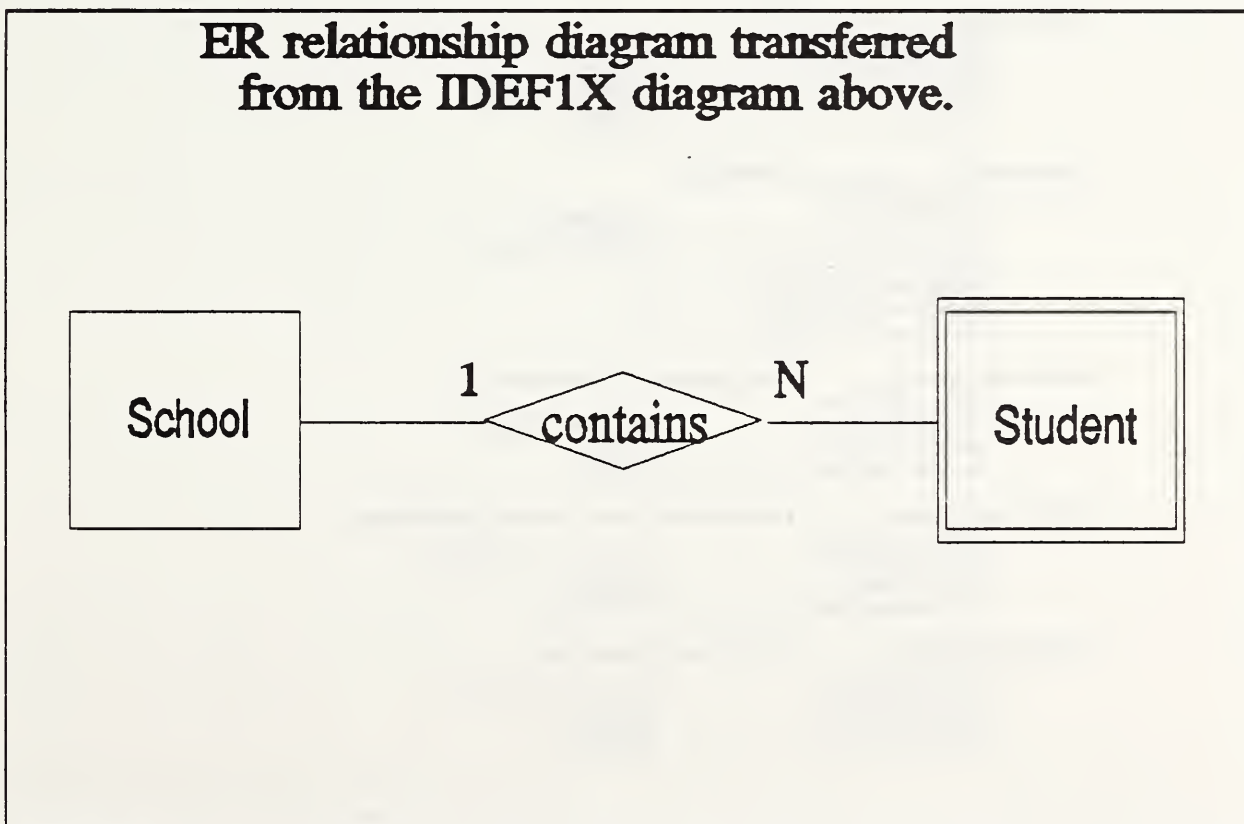


Figure 3



# **CDIF transfer form for the relationship "contains."**

**Meta-entity.....Relationship**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....REL01  
 Name....."contains"  
 BriefDescription....."This relationship relates a school to its students."

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObjects**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....DM\_ICO\_DMO01  
 SourceEntity.....DM01  
 DestinationEntity.....REL01

**Meta-entity.....Role**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROL01  
 Name....."Parent\_contains"  
 IsMaster.....TRUE  
 IsSource.....TRUE

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROLP01  
 Name....."Parent\_contains"  
 MinInnerCardinality....."0"  
 MaxInnerCardinality....."N"  
 MinOuterCardinality....."1"  
 MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROL\_BT\_REL01  
 SourceEntity.....ROL01  
 DestinationEntity.....REL01

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....DMO\_AA\_ROLP01  
 SourceEntity.....ENT01  
 DestinationEntity.....ROLP01

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROLP\_P\_ROL01  
 SourceEntity.....ROLP01  
 DestinationEntity.....ROL01

**Meta-entity.....Role**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROL02  
 Name....."Child\_contains"  
 IsMaster.....FALSE  
 IsSource.....FALSE

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROLP02  
 Name....."Child\_contains"  
 MinInnerCardinality....."1"  
 MaxInnerCardinality....."1"  
 MinOuterCardinality....."1"  
 MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROL\_BT\_REL02  
 SourceEntity.....ROL02  
 DestinationEntity.....REL01

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....DMO\_AA\_ROLP02  
 SourceEntity.....ENT02  
 DestinationEntity.....ROLP02

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....ROLP\_P\_ROL02  
 SourceEntity.....ROLP02  
 DestinationEntity.....ROL02

### 3.5 Issues

One issue of transfer formats is that there is no guarantee for 100% transfer of data. This occurs because one tool might not support all the concepts of another tool, in which case some information may be lost. Another situation would be if a tool handles multiple meanings of a concept of another tool. For example, one tool might have a classification of an entity as dependent or independent, while another tool just defines the concept of entity.

Another issue is that vendors currently are not implementing the CDIF Family of Standards. The reason is that most of the CDIF work has yet to be approved as official standards. Also tool vendors may have a difficult time realizing the benefit of using CDIF. Users of tools should stress the importance of having a standard transfer format.



## 4. DESCRIPTION OF MAPPING IDEF1X VIEW INTO CDIF TRANSFER FILE.

### 4.1 Data Model

For each IDEF1X data model it is necessary to define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *DataModel*. In all cases throughout section 4 the reader should remember that all CDIF meta-entities and meta relationships must include the appropriate mandatory meta-attribute(s). In addition to the mandatory meta-attribute<sup>1</sup> the following optional inherited and local meta-attributes should be taken in consideration:

*Name*  
*BriefDescription*  
*FullDescription*  
*DateCreated*  
*DateUpdated*  
*TimeCreated*  
*TimeUpdated*  
*LongName*  
*ModelType*.

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<sup>1</sup>The mandatory meta-attribute *CDIFIdentifier* should be applied to ALL CDIF meta-entities and meta-relationships.

## 4.2 Entities

Define instances of the CDIF meta-entity *Entity*. There are some optional inherited and local meta-attributes which should be taken in consideration:

<u>Inherited</u>	<u>Local</u>
<i>DateCreated</i>	<i>Usage</i>
<i>DateUpdated</i>	<i>LongName</i>
<i>TimeCreated</i>	<i>EntityType</i>
<i>TimeUpdated</i>	
<i>BriefDescription</i>	
<i>FullDescription</i>	
<i>Name</i>	
<i>SpecificationLanguage</i>	
<i>SpecificationText</i>	
<i>IsAbstract.</i>	

In the example only *Name* and *EntityType* are used. The domain for *EntityType* consist of three values: Kernel, Characteristic, and Associative.

### Kernel

This classification is used for an *Entity* whose instances are meaningful without the occurrences of other entities. For example, an instance of the *Entity*, having a name and a description, is significant without the knowledge of the data model to which it belongs. The fact that an *Entity* can be kernel does not imply that it can be uniquely identified without other scoping information.

### Characteristic

Each instance of a characteristic *Entity* is logically related to a single instance of another entity. Therefore, the attributes could be considered to belong to the related entity, where the owning entity is related to the characteristic entity with a relationship with cardinality of 1:1.

### Associative

This classification is used for an *Entity* whose existence is dependent upon the existence of two or more other entities. *Entity* instances cannot exist without the existence of instances of the related entity types.

Each instance of an *Entity* should be related to the data model to which it belongs. This is done using instances of the Meta-relationship *DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject*, where *DataModelObject* is just a supertype of *Entity*.

### 4.2.1 Identifier-Independent Entities

The CDIF local meta-attribute *EntityType* of *Entity* should be set to Kernel.

### 4.2.2 Identifier-Dependent Entities

The CDIF local meta-attribute *EntityType* of *Entity* should be set to Characteristic if each instance of the *Entity* is logically dependent on a single instance of another *Entity*.

The CDIF local meta-attribute *EntityType* of *Entity* should be set to Associative if each instance of the *Entity* is logically dependent on two or more instance of other *Entities*.

## 4.3 Relationships

Because IDEF1X Relationship is binary and CDIF Relationship is N-ary, we need to involve CDIF Roles (and RolePlayers) into the mapping.

For each IDEF1X Relationship (except Categorization):

- 1) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *Relationship*.
- 2) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject*, where *DataModelObject* is a supertype of *Relationship*.
- 3) Define two instances of the CDIF meta-entity *Role* (one for the child entity and another for the parent entity).
- 4) Define two instances of the CDIF meta-entity *RolePlayer* (one for the child entity and another for the parent entity).
- 5) Define two instances for each of the following CDIF meta-relationships:  
*Role.BelongsTo.Relationship*,  
*DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer*, and  
*RolePlayer.Plays.Role*.

Each instance of *Role* should have at least the following attributes:

*IsMaster*  
*IsSource*

Each instance of *RolePlayer* should have at least the following attributes:

*MinInnerCardinality*  
*MaxInnerCardinality*  
*MinOuterCardinality*  
*MaxOuterCardinality*

All the other local and inherited meta-attributes are optional:

*DateCreated*  
*DateUpdated*  
*TimeCreated*  
*TimeUpdated*  
*BriefDescription*  
*FullDescription*  
*Name*  
*IsAbstract*



### 4.3.1 Cardinality Mapping

a) All relationships (except Optional Non-Identifying):

Cardinality	Parent			
	Child			
	MinInner	MaxInner	MinOuter	MaxOuter
 * zero, one, or more	0	N	1	1
	1	1	1	1
P one or more	1	N	1	1
	1	1	1	1
Z zero or one	0	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1
n exactly n	n	n	1	1
	1	1	1	1
n-m from n to m	n	m	1	1
	1	1	1	1
(n) ref. to note (n) where card. is specified	?	?	1	1
	1	1	1	1

? This field should be filled out according to the cardinality specified in the note (n). If it is not within the CDIF domain for *Min/MaxInnerCardinality*, put it as a note into *BriefDescription* of the *Role* or *RolePlayer*, or both.

b) Optional Non-Identifying):

Cardinality	Parent			
	Child			
	MinInner	MaxInner	MinOuter	MaxOuter
 * zero, one, or more	0	N	1	1
	0	1	1	1
P one or more	1	N	1	1
	0	1	1	1
Z zero or one	0	1	1	1
	0	1	1	1
n exactly n	n	n	1	1
	0	1	1	1
n-m from n to m	n	m	1	1
	0	1	1	1
(n) ref. to note (n) where card. is specified	?	?	1	1
	0	1	1	1

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? This field should be filled out according to the cardinality specified in the note (n). If it is not within the CDIF domain for *Min/MaxInnerCardinality*, put it as a note into *BriefDescription* of the *Role* or *RolePlayer*, or both.

### 4.3.2 Identifying Connection Relationships (parent-child relationships)

Use the following chart to set the values for *IsMaster* and *IsSource* for each of two roles:

Attribute	Parent Role	Child Role
IsMaster	TRUE	FALSE
IsSource	TRUE	FALSE

### 4.3.3 Non-Identifying Connection Relationships

Use the following chart to set the values for *IsMaster* and *IsSource* for each of two roles:

Attribute	Parent Role	Child Role
IsMaster	TRUE	TRUE
IsSource	TRUE	FALSE

### 4.3.4 Categorization Relationships

CDIF does not provide a straight forward method for handling the IDEF1X concept of generalization/categorization. That's why we need to break this concept into two parts while mapping it to CDIF. The first part will transfer the concept of inheritance/subtyping, and the second part will create new instances of category entities with relationships to original category entities to present the concept of categorization from an IDEF1X point of view<sup>1</sup>.

For each IDEF1X Categorization (Complete and Incomplete) with one generic entity and n category entities:

- 1) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *SubtypeSet*. All CDIF meta-attributes are optional except the boolean attribute *SubtypeListIsClosed*. If a IDEF1X Categorization is complete, set the attribute *SubtypeListIsClosed* to True. Otherwise, set it to False.
- 2) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *InheritableDataModelObject.IsSupertypeFor.SubtypeSet*, where *InheritableDataModelObject* is the generic entity.

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<sup>1</sup>Refer to the appendix A for further explanations.



- 3) Introduce and define  $n$  instances of the CDIF meta-entity *Entity* and act as if they were placed in between the generic entity and the category entities. All the attributes of the generic entity are inherited by those new entities.

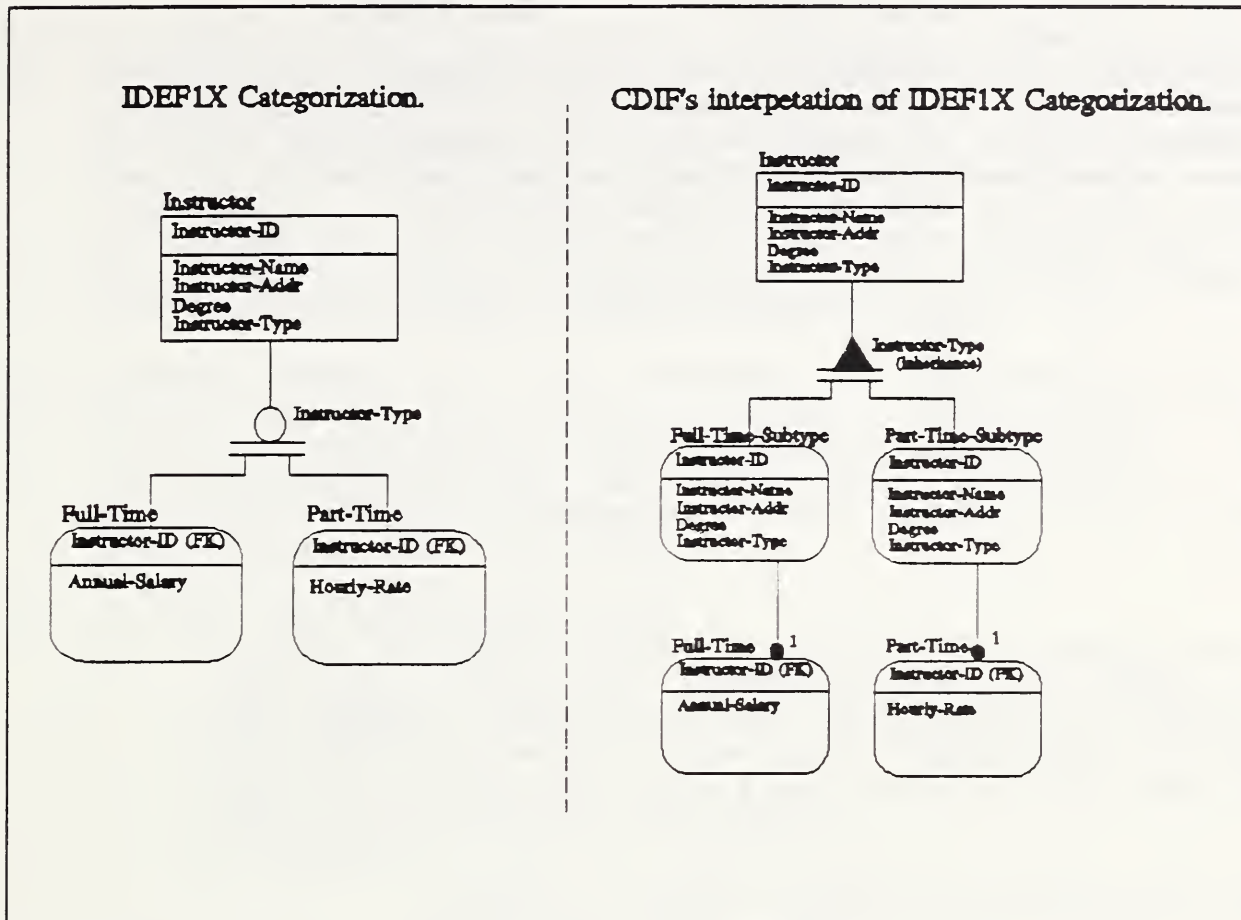


Figure 4

- 4) Define all the attributes of the newly introduced entities following section 4.4.
- 5) Define  $n$  instances of the CDIF meta-relationship *InheritableDataModelObject.IsSubtypeIn.SubtypeSet*, where each *InheritableDataModelObject* is one of the category<sup>1</sup> entities.
- 6) If an IDEF1X Discriminator is defined, define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *Attribute.IsDiscriminatorFor.SubtypeSet*.
- 7) Introduce and define all  $n$  relationships (sect. 4.3) from the newly defined entities to the original category entities. Those new relationships should be mandatory.

<sup>1</sup>The newly introduced entities have now become category entities in the categorization, and the original category entities have unnamed relationships to them.

### 4.3.5 Non-Specific Relationships

Use the following chart to set the values for *IsMaster* and *IsSource* for each of two roles:

Attribute	Parent Role	Child Role
IsMaster	TRUE	TRUE
IsSource	TRUE	TRUE

## 4.4 Attributes/Keys

For an entity *E* with *p* attributes in the Primary Key, *f* Foreign Keys, *a* Alternate Keys, and *o* other attributes:

- 1) Define *p+f+a+o* instances of the CDIF meta-entity *Attribute*, one for each of the Attributes and Keys. If an attribute happened to be in the intersection of two keys (for example, ESSN could be in a primary key and a foreign key simultaneously), only one instance of it should be defined. If this attribute is either a foreign key from some other entity OR a foreign key to some other entity, do not put any value for the attribute *Name*. This value will be stored in *AttributeDefinition*.
- 2) Define *p+f+a+o* (or less, if there are intersections of keys) instances of the CDIF meta-relationship *AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute*, where *AttributableObject* is just the entity *E*. There is a non-optional attribute *SequenceNo*, which represents the order of attributes within the entity.
- 3) For all the attributes of *E*:
  - \* Check if this attribute is either a foreign key from some other entity OR a foreign key to some other entity. For example, looking at the IDEF1X example diagram, the attribute Soc-Sec-No of the entity Enrollment is a part of the primary key, but it's also a foreign key from Student and a foreign key to Attendance.
  - If it is:
    - \* Check if there exists an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *AttributeDefinition* for a particular attribute.
    - If there is not:
      - \* Create an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *AttributeDefinition* for this attribute. Fill in a value for the CDIF meta-attribute *Name*.
    - Create an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition* for this attribute.
- 4) Define one instance of the CDIF meta-entity *CandidateKey* for the Primary Key of *E*. The meta-attribute *IsPrimary* should be set to True.
- 5) Define one instance of the CDIF meta-entity *CandidateKey* for all the *a* Alternate Keys of *E* (if *a* is not 0). The meta-attribute *IsPrimary* should be set to False.
- 6) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *Entity.Contains.Key* for each of the *CandidateKeys*.

- 7) Define p+a instance(s) of the CDIF meta-relationship *Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key* for all the *CandidateKeys*. There is a need to have the attribute *SequenceNo*, which will allow you to match components of *ForeignKey* of E to components of *CandidateKey* of E', where E' is a parent in a particular relationship.
- 8) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *ForeignKey* for each relationship the entity E has migrated foreign keys from.
- 9) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *Entity.Contains.Key* for each instance of *ForeignKey*.
- 10) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey*, where the *CandidateKey* comes from the parent (source) entity in this relationship.
- 11) Define f instances of the CDIF meta-relationship *Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key*. Do not forget to put *SequenceNos* there! Be sure *SequenceNos* match those for the *Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key* of the *Attribute* migrated from, and be sure to put the *Attributes* into the right *ForeignKey*.
- 12) If all the foreign keys from an entity migrated "above the Line," then define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *ForeignKey.IsComponentOf.CandidateKey*. And also stick *SequenceNos* there too.



## 4.5 Notes

There are four choices where to put notes. Pick one that best serves your needs.

### A. Relationship Constraint

As a *RoleConstraint* with appropriate relationships with the *RolePlayers*.

- 1) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *RoleConstraint*.
- 2) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *RoleConstraint.Contains.RolePlayer*, where *RolePlayer* plays *Role* in the relationship which is being constrained.

### B. Domain Constraint

As a *ValueDomainGroup* with appropriate relationships with all (or some) *ValueDomains*.

- 1) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *ValueDomainGroup*.
- 2) Define instance(s) of the CDIF meta-entities *ValueDomainEnumeration*, *ValueDomainRange*, *ValueDomainProcedure*, and *ValueDomainRule* as needed.
- 3) Define instance(s) of the CDIF meta-relationship *ValueDomainGroup.Contains.ValueDomain*, where *ValueDomain* is a supertype of all the *ValueDomains* above in 2).
- 4) Define instance(s) of the CDIF meta-relationship *ValueDomainGroup.Contains.ValueDomainGroup* if needed.

The Domains are specified in the CDIF Integrated Meta-model - Data Definition Subject Area, not in the Data Modeling Subject Area. To integrate between those areas some steps should be added to the mapping.

- 5) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *DataElementType*.
- 6) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *Attribute.IsOccurrenceOf.DataElementType*, where *Attribute* is the *Attribute* with this Domain Constraint.
- 7) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *DataElementType.TakesValuesFrom.ValueDomainGroup* to finish the link between these Subject Areas.

### C. Textual Constraint

- 1) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-entity *TextualConstraint*.
- 2) Define an instance of the CDIF meta-relationship *TextualConstraint.IsConstraintOn* . *SemanticInformationObject* , where *SemanticInformationObject* is a supertype of an *Attribute*.

### D. Descriptive Constraint (Note)

Put this Constraint (note) in the meta-attribute *FullDescription* of a particular *Entity*.

## 5. EXAMPLE

### 5.1 Summary

This portion of the document is an example transfer of the contents of an IDEF1X model using CDIF Meta-model with the draft standard CDIF subject areas: Common, Data Modeling, and Data Definition. The chosen IDEF diagram contains the following IDEF1X semantic examples: Entity, Relationship (Identifying and Non-Identifying), Attributes, Key (Primary, Foreign), Categorization Relationship (Complete only), Cardinality, and Role. Most of the contents mapped relatively easy.

The one minor problem was transferring IDEF1X categorization relationship. Because CDIF does not implicitly support categorization, it had to be handled as CDIF subtyping in conjunction with additional relationships. IDEF categorization is different from the CDIF subtyping. CDIF subtyping does not have an instance of the generic entity, while IDEF1X categorization does. This means that the CDIF category entity physically inherits all the attributes and keys from its generic entity, while the IDEF category entity has the foreign keys migrated just from the primary keys of its generic entity.



## 5.2 IDEF1X model.

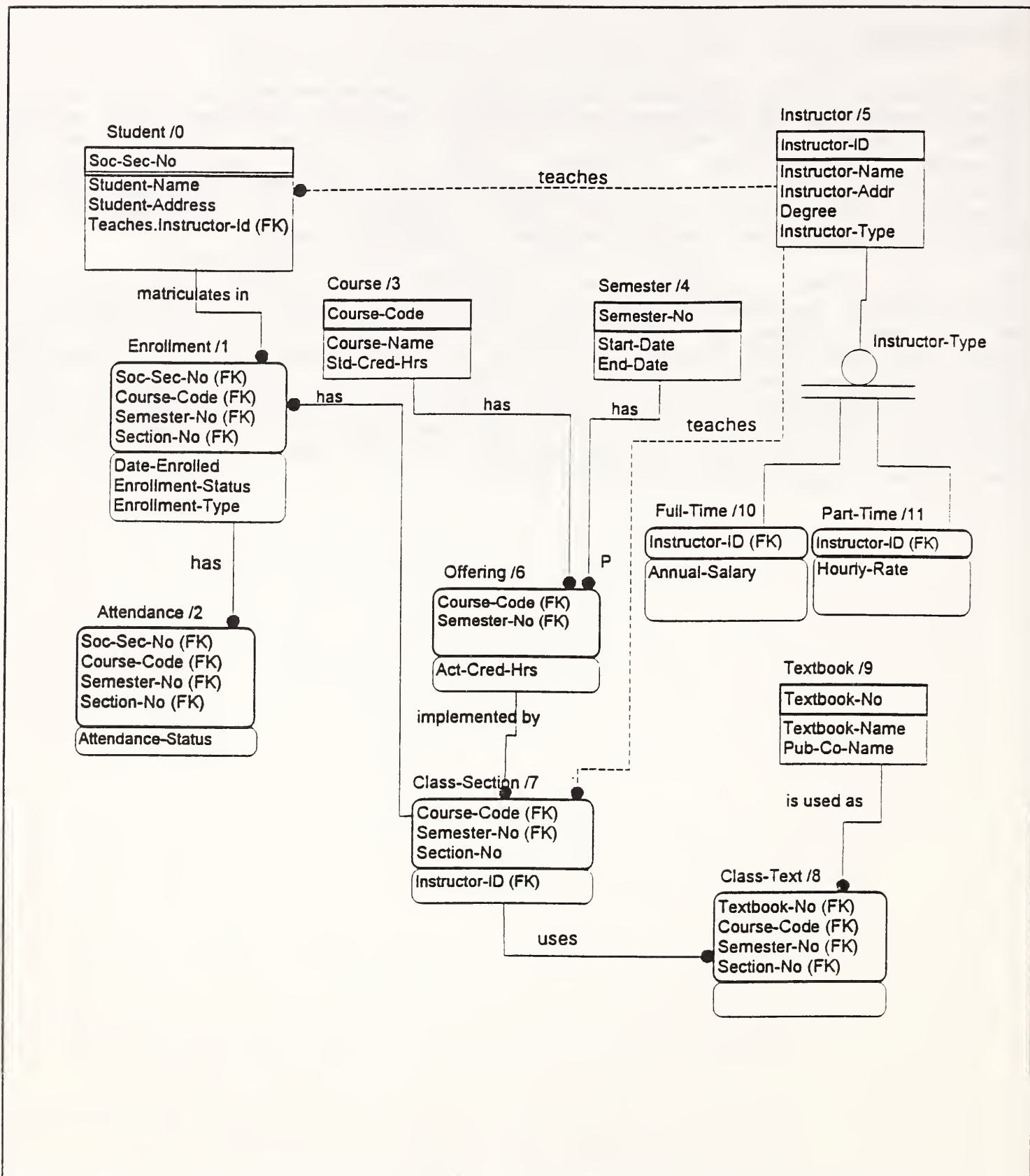


Figure 5

### 5.3 Data Model

Meta-entity.....DataModel  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM1\_0  
Name....."School-System"  
BriefDescription....."The first example Data  
Model."  
DateCreated.....01-13-1994  
TimeCreated.....11:59:59

## 5.4 Entities

```
Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_0
  Name....."Student"
  EntityType.....Kernel

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_1
  Name....."Enrollment"
  EntityType.....Associative

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_2
  Name....."Attendance"
  EntityType.....Characteristic

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_3
  Name....."Course"
  EntityType.....Kernel

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_4
  Name....."Semester"
  EntityType.....Kernel

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_5
  Name....."Instructor"
  EntityType.....Kernel

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_6
  Name....."Offering"
  EntityType.....Associative

Meta-entity.....Entity
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2_7
  Name....."Class-Section"
  EntityType.....Characteristic
```

**Meta-entity.....Entity**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2\_8  
 Name....."Class-Text"  
 EntityType.....Associative

**Meta-entity.....Entity**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2\_9  
 Name....."Textbook"  
 EntityType.....Kernel

**Meta-entity.....Entity**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2\_10  
 Name....."Full-Time-Subtype"  
 EntityType.....Kernel

**Meta-entity.....Entity**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2\_11  
 Name....."Part-Time-Subtype"  
 EntityType.....Kernel

Both entities "Full-Time-Subtype" and "Part-Time-Subtype" are needed to present the whole meaning of the categorization.<sup>1</sup>

**Meta-entity.....Entity**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2\_12  
 Name....."Full-Time"  
 EntityType.....Characteristic

**Meta-entity.....Entity**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM2\_13  
 Name....."Part-Time"  
 EntityType.....Characteristic

Each of the entities needs to be related to the data model to which it belongs. This is done using instances of the Meta-relationship *DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject*, which is inherited because *Entity* is a descendant of *DataModelObject*.

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_0  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_0

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**

Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_1  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_1

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<sup>1</sup>Small font is used for comments throughout this section.



**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_2  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_2

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_3  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_3

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_4  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_4

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_5  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_5

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_6  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_6

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_7  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_7

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_8  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_8

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_9  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_9

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_10  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_10

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_11  
SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_11

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_12  
SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_12

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM3\_13  
SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM2\_13

## 5.5 Subtyping (as a part of categorization)

```
Meta-entity.....SubtypeSet
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM4_1
  Name....."Instructor-TypeSet"
  SubtypeListIsClosed.....True
  BriefDescription....."This defines the subtyping
                        of Instructor"

Meta-relationship.....InheritableDataModelObject.IsSupertypeFor
                        .SubtypeSet
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM4_11
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_5
  DestinationEntity.....SIM4_1

Meta-relationship.....InheritableDataModelObject.IsSubtypeIn
                        .SubtypeSet
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM4_12
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_10
  DestinationEntity.....SIM4_1

Meta-relationship.....InheritableDataModelObject.IsSubtypeIn
                        .SubtypeSet
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM4_13
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_11
  DestinationEntity.....SIM4_1

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsDiscriminatorFor.SubtypeSet
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM4_14
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_33 /*Instruction-Type*/
  DestinationEntity.....SIM4_1
```



## 5.6 Relationships

**Meta-entity.....Relationship**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_0  
Name....."matriculates in"  
BriefDescription....."This relates a Student to  
the Enrollment of this  
Student."

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_01  
SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_0

**Meta-entity.....Role**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_02A  
Name....."Parent\_matriculates\_in\_0"  
IsMaster.....True  
IsSource.....True

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_03A  
Name....."Student-Parent"  
MinInnerCardinality....."0"  
MaxInnerCardinality....."N"  
MinOuterCardinality....."1"  
MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_04A  
SourceEntity.....SIM5\_02A  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_0

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_05A  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_03A

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_06A  
SourceEntity.....SIM5\_03A  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_02A

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_02B

Name....."Child\_matriculates\_in\_0"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_03B

Name....."Enrollment-Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_04B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_02B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_0

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_05B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_03B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_06B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_03B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_02B

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Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_1
  Name....."has"
  BriefDescription....."This relates a Class-Section
                        to the Enrollment."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_11
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_1

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_12A
  Name....."Parent_has_1"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_13A
  Name....."Class-Section_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."0"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_14A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_12A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_1

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_15A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_7
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_13A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_16A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_13A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_12A

```

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_12B  
Name....."Child\_has\_1"  
IsMaster.....False  
IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_13B  
Name....."Enrollment\_Child"  
MinInnerCardinality....."1"  
MaxInnerCardinality....."1"  
MinOuterCardinality....."1"  
MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_14B  
SourceEntity.....SIM5\_12B  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_1

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_15B  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_13B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_16B  
SourceEntity.....SIM5\_13B  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_12B



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Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_2
  Name....."has"
  BriefDescription....."This relates an Enrollment
                        to the Attendance."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_21
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_2

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_22A
  Name....."Parent_has_2"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_23A
  Name....."Enrollment_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."0"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_24A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_22A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_2

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_25A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_1
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_23A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_26A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_23A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_22A

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**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_22B

Name....."Child\_has\_2"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_23B

Name....."Attendance\_Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_24B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_22B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_2

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_25B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_23B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_26B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_23B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_22B

**Meta-entity.....Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_3

Name....."has"

BriefDescription....."This relates a Course to the  
Offering."**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_31

SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_3

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_32A

Name....."Parent\_has\_3"

IsMaster.....True

IsSource.....True

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_33A

Name....."Course\_Parent"

MinInnerCardinality....."0"

MaxInnerCardinality....."N"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_34A

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_32A

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_3

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_35A

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_3

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_33A

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_36A

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_33A

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_32A

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_32B

Name....."Child\_has\_3"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_33B

Name....."Offering\_Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_34B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_32B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_3

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_35B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_33B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_36B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_33B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_32B



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Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_4
  Name....."has"
  BriefDescription....."This relates a Semester to
                        the Offering."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_41
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_4

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_42A
  Name....."Parent_has_4"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_43A
  Name....."Semester_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."1"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_44A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_42A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_4

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_45A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_4
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_43A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_46A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_43A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_42A

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**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_42B

Name....."Child\_has\_4"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_43B

Name....."Offering\_child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_44B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_42B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_4

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_45B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_43B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_46B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_43B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_42B

**Meta-entity.....Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_5

Name....."teaches"

BriefDescription....."This relates an Instructor  
to the Student."**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_51

SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_5

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_52A

Name....."Parent\_teaches\_6"

IsMaster.....True

IsSource.....True

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_53A

Name....."Instructor\_Parent"

MinInnerCardinality....."0"

MaxInnerCardinality....."N"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_54A

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_52A

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_5

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_55A

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_5

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_53A

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_56A

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_53A

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_52A

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_52B

Name....."Child\_teaches\_6"

IsMaster.....True<sup>2</sup>

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_53B

Name....."Student\_Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."0"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_54B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_52B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_5

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_55B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_53B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_56B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_53B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_52B

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<sup>2</sup>Since this is a Non-Identifying Connection Relationship, both entities do not depend either on the relation nor on each other, so both of them are masters.



```

Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_6
  Name....."teaches"
  BriefDescription....."This relates an Instructor
                        to the Class-Section."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_61
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_6

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_62A
  Name....."Parent_teaches_7"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_63A
  Name....."Instructor_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."0"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_64A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_62A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_6

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_65A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_5
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_63A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_66A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_63A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_62A

```

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_62B  
Name....."Child\_teaches\_7"  
IsMaster.....True<sup>1</sup>  
IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_63B  
Name....."Class-Section\_Child"  
MinInnerCardinality....."0"  
MaxInnerCardinality....."1"  
MinOuterCardinality....."1"  
MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_64B  
SourceEntity.....SIM5\_62B  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_6

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_65B  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_63B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_66B  
SourceEntity.....SIM5\_63B  
DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_62B

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<sup>1</sup>Since this is a Non-Identifying Connection Relationship, both entities do not depend either on the relation nor on each other, so both of them are masters.

```

Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_7
  Name....."implemented by"
  BriefDescription....."This relates an Offering to
                        the Class-Section."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_71
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_7

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_72A
  Name....."Parent_implemented_by_7"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_73A
  Name....."Offering_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."0"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_74A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_72A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_7

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_75A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_6
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_73A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_76A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_73A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_72A

```

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_72B

Name....."Child\_implemented\_by\_7"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_73B

Name....."Class-Section\_Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_74B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_72B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_7

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_75B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_73B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_76B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_73B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_72B



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Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_8
  Name....."uses"
  BriefDescription....."This relates a Class-Section
                        to the Class-Text."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_81
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_8

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_82A
  Name....."Parent_uses_8"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_83A
  Name....."Class-Section_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."0"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_84A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_82A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_8

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_85A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_7
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_83A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_86A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_83A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_82A

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**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_82B

Name....."Child\_uses\_8"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_83B

Name....."Class-Text\_Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_84B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_82B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_8

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_85B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_83B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_86B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_83B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_82B

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Meta-entity.....Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_9
  Name....."is used as"
  BriefDescription....."This relates a Textbook to
                        the Class-Text."

Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_91
  SourceEntity.....SIM1_0
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_9

Meta-entity.....Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_92A
  Name....."Parent_is_used_as_9"
  IsMaster.....True
  IsSource.....True

Meta-entity.....RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_93A
  Name....."Textbook_Parent"
  MinInnerCardinality....."0"
  MaxInnerCardinality....."N"
  MinOuterCardinality....."1"
  MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_94A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_92A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_9

Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_95A
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_9
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_93A

Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5_96A
  SourceEntity.....SIM5_93A
  DestinationEntity.....SIM5_92A

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**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_92B

Name....."Child\_is\_used\_as\_9"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_93B

Name....."Class-Text\_Child"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_94B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_92B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_9

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_95B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_93B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_96B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_93B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_92B



The following relationships are used to represent the full meaning of categorization.

**Meta-entity.....Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_10

Name.....

BriefDescription....."additional relationship  
between Full-Time-Subtype  
and Full-Time"

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_101

SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_10

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_102A

Name....."parent\_full-time-subtype"

IsMaster.....True

IsSource.....True

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_103A

Name....."parent\_full-time-subtype"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_104A

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_102A

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_10

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_105A

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_10

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_103A

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_106A

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_103A

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_102A

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_102B

Name....."Child\_full-time"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_103B

Name....."Child\_full-time"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_104B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_102B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_10

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_105B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_12

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_103B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_106B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_103B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_102B

**Meta-entity.....Relationship**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_11  
 Name.....  
 BriefDescription....."additional relationship  
 between Part-Time-Subtype  
 and Part-Time"

**Meta-relationship.....DataModel.Collects.DataModelObject**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_111  
 SourceEntity.....SIM1\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_11

**Meta-entity.....Role**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_112A  
 Name....."parent\_part-time-subtype"  
 IsMaster.....True  
 IsSource.....True

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_113A  
 Name....."parent\_part-time-subtype"  
 MinInnerCardinality....."1"  
 MaxInnerCardinality....."1"  
 MinOuterCardinality....."1"  
 MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_114A  
 SourceEntity.....SIM5\_112A  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_11

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_115A  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_113A

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_116A  
 SourceEntity.....SIM5\_113A  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_112A

**Meta-entity.....Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_112B

Name....."Child\_part-time"

IsMaster.....False

IsSource.....False

**Meta-entity.....RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_113B

Name....."Child\_part-time"

MinInnerCardinality....."1"

MaxInnerCardinality....."1"

MinOuterCardinality....."1"

MaxOuterCardinality....."1"

**Meta-relationship.....Role.BelongsTo.Relationship**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_114B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_112B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_11

**Meta-relationship.....DataModelObject.ActsAs.RolePlayer**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_115B

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_13

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_113B

**Meta-relationship.....RolePlayer.Plays.Role**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM5\_116B

SourceEntity.....SIM5\_113B

DestinationEntity.....SIM5\_112B



## 5.7 Attributes

First, the four attributes for the entity "Student" are defined.

Soc-Sec-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_0

BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of a Student."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_1

Name....."Student-Name"

BriefDescription....."Identifier of a Student."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_2

Name....."Student-Address"

BriefDescription....."The place where a Student lives."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_4

Name....."Teaches\_Instructor-Id"

BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of the Instructor that teaches a Student (FK)."

Each is then related to the entity.

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_0

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_0

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_1

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_1

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_2

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_2

SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_4  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_4  
 SequenceNo.....4

There is a need to link all foreign keys with primary keys by a meaning of the same definition.

**Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_0  
 Name....."Soc-Sec-No"

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_0  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_0  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_0

**Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_1  
 Name....."Instructor-ID"

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_1  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_4  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

The same is done for the attributes of "Enrollment".

Soc-Sec-No:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_5  
 BriefDescription....."Social Security Number of the enrolled student."

Course-Code:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_6  
 BriefDescription....."The code for a particular course."

Semester-No:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_7  
 BriefDescription....."The number for a particular semester."

Section-No:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_8  
 BriefDescription.....

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_9

Name....."Date-Enrolled"

BriefDescription....."The date the enrollment took place."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_10

Name....."Enrollment-Status"

BriefDescription....."Part/Full time"

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_11

Name....."Enrollment-Type"

BriefDescription.....

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_5

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_5

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_6

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_6

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_7

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_7

SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_8

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_8

SequenceNo.....4

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_9

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_9

SequenceNo.....5



Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_10  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_10  
 SequenceNo.....6

Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_11  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_11  
 SequenceNo.....7

Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_2  
 Name....."Course-Code"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_2  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_6  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_2

Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_3  
 Name....."Semester-No"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_3  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_7  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_3

Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_4  
 Name....."Section-No"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_4  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_8  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_4

Soc-Sec-No:

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_5  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_5  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_0

Attributes of "Instructor".



Instructor-ID:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_12  
 BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of the  
 Instructor."

Instructor-Name:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_13  
 BriefDescription....."The name of the Instructor."

Instructor-Addr:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_14  
 BriefDescription....."The address of the  
 Instructor."

Degree:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_15  
 BriefDescription....."Instructor's degree."

Instructor-Type:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_16  
 BriefDescription....."A discriminator: Full/Part  
 time."

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_12  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_5  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_12  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_13  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_5  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_13  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_14  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_5  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_14  
 SequenceNo.....3

Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_15  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_5  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_15  
 SequenceNo.....4

Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_16  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_5  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_16  
 SequenceNo.....5

Instructor-ID:

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_6  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_12  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_5  
 Name....."Instructor-Name"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_7  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_13  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_5

Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_6  
 Name....."Instructor-Addr"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_8  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_14  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_6

Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_7  
 Name....."Degr e"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_9  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_15  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_7

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Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15_8
  Name....."Instructor-Type"

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16_10
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_16
  DestinationEntity.....SIM15_8

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These attributes are needed for transferring specialization.

Part-Time-Subtype:

Instructor-ID:

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Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_17
  BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of
                        Part-Time-Subtype."

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Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A_17
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_17
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_12

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Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_18
  BriefDescription....."The name of the instructor."

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Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A_18
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_18
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_13

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Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_19
  BriefDescription....."Address of instructor."

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Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A_19
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_19
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_14

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Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_191
  BriefDescription....."Degree of instructor."

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**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A\_191  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_191  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_15

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_192  
 BriefDescription....."Type of instructor  
 (full/part)."

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A\_192  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_192  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_16

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_17  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_17  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_18  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_18  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_19  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_19  
 SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_191  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_191  
 SequenceNo.....4

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_192  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_192  
 SequenceNo.....5



Instructor-ID:  
**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_11  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_17  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

Instructor-Name:  
**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_12  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_18  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_5

Instructor-Addr:  
**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_13  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_19  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_6

Degree:  
**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_14  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_191  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_7

Instructor-Type:  
**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_15  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_192  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_8

Attributes of "Course".

Course-Code:  
**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_20  
 BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of  
 Course."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_21  
 Name....."Course-Name"  
 BriefDescription....."The name of the course."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_22  
 Name....."Std-Cred-Hrs"  
 BriefDescription.....

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_20  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_3  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_20  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_21  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_3  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_21  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_22  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_3  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_22  
 SequenceNo.....3

Course-Code:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_16  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_20  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_2

Attributes of "Offering".

Course-Code:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_23  
 BriefDescription....."Foreign key from Course."

Semester-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_24  
 BriefDescription....."Foreign key from Semester."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_25  
 Name....."Act-Cred-Hrs"  
 BriefDescription.....

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_23  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_23  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_24  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6  
DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_24  
SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_25  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6  
DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_25  
SequenceNo.....3

Course-Code:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_17  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_23  
DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_2

Semester-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_18  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_24  
DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_3

Attributes of "Semester".

Semester-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_26  
BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of Semester."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_27  
Name....."Start-Date"  
BriefDescription....."The date when the course starts."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_28  
Name....."End-Date"  
BriefDescription....."The date when the course ends."



**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_26  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_4  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_26  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_27  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_4  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_27  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_28  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_4  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_28  
 SequenceNo.....3

Semester-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_19  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_26  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_3

These attributes are needed here to transfer the complete meaning of IDEF1X categorization.

Full-Time-Subtype:

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_29  
 BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of Full-Time-Subtype."

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A\_29  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_29  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_12

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_30  
 BriefDescription....."The name of the instructor."

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A\_30  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_30  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_13



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Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_31
  BriefDescription....."Address of instructor."

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A_31
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_31
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_14

Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_32
  BriefDescription....."Instructor's Degree."

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A_32
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_32
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_15

Meta-entity.....Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6_33
  BriefDescription....."Type of instructor
                        (full/part)."

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsInheritedFrom.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6A_33
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_33
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_16

Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7_29
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_10
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_29
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7_30
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_10
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_30
  SequenceNo.....2

Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7_31
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_10
  DestinationEntity.....SIM6_31
  SequenceNo.....3

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**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_32  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_10  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_32  
 SequenceNo.....4

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_33  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_10  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_33  
 SequenceNo.....5

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_20  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_29  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

Instructor-Name:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_21  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_30  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_5

Instructor-Addr:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_22  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_31  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_6

Degree:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_23  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_32  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_7

Instructor-Type:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_24  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_33  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_8

Attributes of "Full-Time".

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_34  
 BriefDescription.....

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_35

Name....."Annual-Salary"

BriefDescription....."The Instructor's salary for  
the whole year."

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_34

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_12

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_34

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_35

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_12

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_35

SequenceNo.....2

Instructor-ID

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_25

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_34

DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

Attributes of "Part-Time".

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_36

BriefDescription.....

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_37

Name....."Hourly-Rate"

BriefDescription....."The Instructor's wages per  
hour."

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_36

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_13

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_36

SequenceNo.....1



**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_37  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_13  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_37  
 SequenceNo.....2

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_26  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_36  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

Attributes of "Class-Section".

Course-Code:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_38  
 BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
 Offering."

Semester-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_39  
 BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
 Semester."

Section-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_40  
 BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of  
 Class-Section."

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_41  
 BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
 Instructor."

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_38  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_38  
 SequenceNo.....1



**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_39  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_39  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_40  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_40  
 SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_41  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_41  
 SequenceNo.....4

Course-Code:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_27  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_38  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_2

Semester-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_28  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_39  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_3

Section-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_29  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_40  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_4

Instructor-ID:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_30  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_41  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_1

Attributes of "Textbook".

Textbook-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_42

BriefDescription....."The unique identifier of  
Textbook."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_43

Name....."Textbook-Name"

BriefDescription....."The name of the textbook."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_44

Name....."Pub-Co-Name"

BriefDescription....."The name of the publishing  
company."

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_42

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_9

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_42

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_43

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_9

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_43

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_44

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_9

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_44

SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-entity.....AttributeDefinition**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM15\_9

Name....."Textbook\_No"

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_31

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_42

DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_9

Attributes of "Attendance".

Soc-Sec-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_45

BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
Enrollment."

Course-Code:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_46

BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
Enrollment."

Semester-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_47

BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
Enrollment."

Section-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_48

BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
Enrollment."

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_49

Name....."Attendance-Status"  
BriefDescription.....

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_45

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_45

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_46

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_46

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_47

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_47

SequenceNo.....3



**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_48  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_48  
 SequenceNo.....4

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_49  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_49  
 SequenceNo.....5

Soc-Sec-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_32  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_45  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_0

Course-Code:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_33  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_46  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_2

Semester-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_34  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_47  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_3

Section-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_35  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_48  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_4

Attributes of "Class-Text".

Textbook-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_50  
 BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
 Textbook."

Course-Code:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_51  
 BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
 Class-Section."



Semester-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_52

BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
Class-Section."

Section-No:

**Meta-entity.....Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM6\_53

BriefDescription....."A foreign key from  
Class-Section."

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_50

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_50

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_51

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_51

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_52

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_52

SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....AttributableObject.IsDescribedBy.Attribute**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM7\_53

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM6\_53

SequenceNo.....4

Textbook-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_36

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_50

DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_9

Course-Code:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_37

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_51

DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_2

Semester-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_38  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_52  
DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_3

Section-No:

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM16\_39  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_53  
DestinationEntity.....SIM15\_4

For each entity we have to create a candidate key and relate it to it's entity.

**Meta-entity.....CandidateKey**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8\_0  
Name....."Student-Key"  
IsPrimary.....True

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_0  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_0

Since we have already defined CDIF Meta-entities Attribute and CandidateKey, now we are ready to relate them to each other.

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_0  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_0  
DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_0  
SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....CandidateKey**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8\_1  
Name....."Enrollment-Key"  
IsPrimary.....True

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_1  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1  
DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_1

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Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_1A
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_5
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_1
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_1B
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_6
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_1
  SequenceNo.....2

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_1C
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_7
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_1
  SequenceNo.....3

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_1D
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_8
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_1
  SequenceNo.....4

Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_2
  Name....."Full-Time-Subtype-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_2
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_10
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_2

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_2A
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_29
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_2
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_3
  Name....."Part-Time-Subtype-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

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**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_3  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_11  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_3

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_3A  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_17  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_3  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....CandidateKey**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8\_4  
 Name....."Attendance-Key"  
 IsPrimary.....True

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_4  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_4

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_4A  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_45  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_4  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_4B  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_46  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_4  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_4C  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_47  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_4  
 SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_4D  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_48  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_4  
 SequenceNo.....4



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Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_5
  Name....."Course-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_5
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_3
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_5

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_5A
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_20
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_5
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_6
  Name....."Semester-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_6
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_4
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_6

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_6A
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_26
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_6
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_7
  Name....."Instructor-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_7
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_5
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_7

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**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_7A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_12

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_7

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8\_8

Name....."Offering-Key"

IsPrimary.....True

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_8

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_8

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_8A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_23

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_8

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_8B

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_24

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_8

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-entity.....CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8\_9

Name....."Class-Section-Key"

IsPrimary.....True

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_9

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_9

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_9A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_38

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_9

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_9B  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_39  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_9  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_9C  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_40  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_9  
 SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-entity.....CandidateKey**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8\_10  
 Name....."Class-Text-Key"  
 IsPrimary.....True

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9\_10  
 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_10

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_10A  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_50  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_10  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_10B  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_51  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_10  
 SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_10C  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_52  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_10  
 SequenceNo.....3

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_10D  
 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_53  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_10  
 SequenceNo.....4



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Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_11
  Name....."Textbook-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_11
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_9
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_11

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_11A
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_42
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_11
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_12
  Name....."Full-Time-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_12
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_12
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_12

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10_12A
  SourceEntity.....SIM6_34
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_12
  SequenceNo.....1

Meta-entity.....CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM8_13
  Name....."Part-Time-Key"
  IsPrimary.....True

Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM9_13
  SourceEntity.....SIM2_13
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_13

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**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM10\_13A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_36

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_13

SequenceNo.....1

For some entities we have to create a ForeignKey, relate this key to it's Entity and Attribute, and reference it to the CandidateKey.

**Meta-entity.....ForeignKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_0

Name....."Student-Enrollment-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_0

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_0

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_0

SourceEntity.....SIM11\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_0

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_0A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_5

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_0

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....ForeignKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_1

Name....."Course-Offering-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_1

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_1

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_1

SourceEntity.....SIM11\_1

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_5

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_1A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_23

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_1

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....ForeignKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_2

Name....."Semester-Offering-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_2

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_2

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_2

SourceEntity.....SIM11\_2

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_6

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_2A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_24

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_2

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....ForeignKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_3

Name....."Instructor-Student-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_3

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_0

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_3

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_3

SourceEntity.....SIM11\_3

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_7

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_3A  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_4  
DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_3  
SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....ForeignKey**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_4  
Name....."Instructor-Class-Section-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_4  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_7  
DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_4

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_4  
SourceEntity.....SIM11\_4  
DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_7

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_4A  
SourceEntity.....SIM6\_41  
DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_4  
SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-entity.....ForeignKey**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_5  
Name....."Class-Section-Enrollment-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_5  
SourceEntity.....SIM2\_1  
DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_5

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**  
Meta-attributes  
CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_5  
SourceEntity.....SIM11\_5  
DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_9



**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_5A

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_5

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_5B

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_7

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_5

SequenceNo.....2

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_5C

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_8

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_5

SequenceNo.....3

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Meta-attributes

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Name....."Enrollment-Attendance-FK"

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Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM12\_6

SourceEntity.....SIM2\_2

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_6

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13\_6

SourceEntity.....SIM11\_6

DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

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SourceEntity.....SIM6\_45

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_6

SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**

Meta-attributes

CDIFIdentifier.....SIM14\_6B

SourceEntity.....SIM6\_46

DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_6

SequenceNo.....2



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 Meta-attributes  
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 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_47  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_6  
 SequenceNo.....3

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 SequenceNo.....4

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 CDIFIdentifier.....SIM11\_7  
 Name....."Class-Section-Class-Text-FK"

**Meta-relationship.....Entity.Contains.Key**  
 Meta-attributes  
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 SourceEntity.....SIM2\_8  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_7

**Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey**  
 Meta-attributes  
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 SourceEntity.....SIM11\_7  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_9

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 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_51  
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 DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_8

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 SourceEntity.....SIM11\_9  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM8\_8

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
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 SourceEntity.....SIM6\_38  
 DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_9  
 SequenceNo.....1

**Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key**  
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 DestinationEntity.....SIM11\_9  
 SequenceNo.....2

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  Name....."Full-Time-Sbtp-Full-Time-FK"

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  SourceEntity.....SIM2_12
  DestinationEntity.....SIM11_10

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  Meta-attributes
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  SourceEntity.....SIM11_10
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_2

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  SourceEntity.....SIM6_34
  DestinationEntity.....SIM11_10
  SequenceNo.....1

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  Name....."Part-Time-Sbtp-Part-Time-FK"

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  SourceEntity.....SIM2_13
  DestinationEntity.....SIM11_11

Meta-relationship.....ForeignKey.References.CandidateKey
  Meta-attributes
  CDIFIdentifier.....SIM13_11
  SourceEntity.....SIM11_11
  DestinationEntity.....SIM8_3

Meta-relationship.....Attribute.IsComponentOf.Key
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  SourceEntity.....SIM6_36
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## APPENDIX A: IDEF1X CATEGORIZATION MAPPING

### Problem

Almost all things in the world can be classified into different categories according to some common characteristics or functions. We classify humans into males and females; we classify cars into new and used; we classify food into bread and butter. This concept in IDEF1X is called Categorization relationship. "Human" is called generic entity, while "Male" and "Female" are category entities.

If we classify food into bread and butter only, we will have an incomplete categorization because there are lots of other types of food (crabs, cheese, tomatoes, potato chips, etc.). We can say that a categorization is complete if we categorize a generic entity into a finite number of category entities, and each instance of the generic entity is also an instance of one and only one category entity.

Let's look at an IDEF1X categorization of "Instructor." Because full-time instructors and part-time instructors have some common characteristics such as names, addresses, and degrees, we can associate those characteristics with both types of instructors at the same time. We can do this by letting those common attributes be attributes of the generic entity "Instructor." In this case we say that those attributes are inherited from the generic entity "Instructor" by the category entities "Full-Time" and "Part-Time." In the relational database those attributes are stored in the "Instructor" table, and are repeated neither in the "Part-Time" table nor in the "Full-Time" table. Only a primary key - a unique set of one or more attributes that identifies each instance of an entity - is repeated in each of those three tables to identify the entities and preserve the integrity between them. In this case an attribute Instructor-ID (assuming that IDs are unique) can be the primary key of "Instructor," "Full-Time," and "Part-Time."

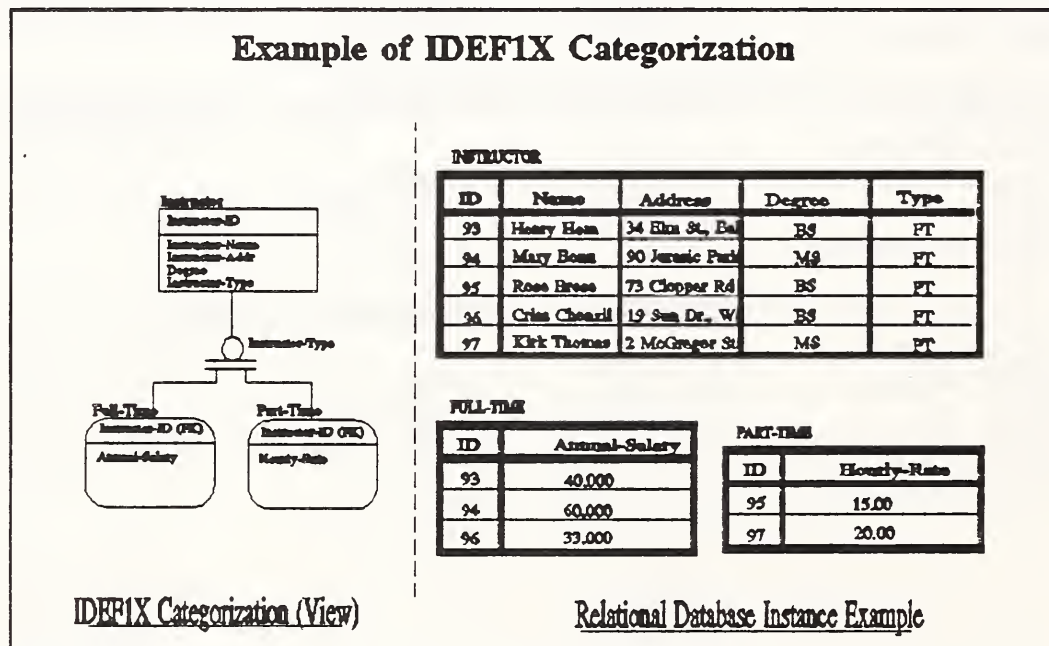


Figure 6



CDIF preserves the meaning of categorization in its super/subtyping. It supports four important characteristics such as coverage, exclusivity, orthogonality, and inheritance. Coverage is used very well in mapping the meaning of completeness. Exclusivity just means that for one instance of a generic entity there should be no more than one instance of a category entity. Orthogonality supports multiple categorizations for a single generic entity, i.e. an instructor can be classified into one set of categories (male/female) according to its gender, or into another set of categories (part-time/full-time) according to its job status. Inheritance associates subtypes with the properties (attributes and relationships) of their supertypes. At each level of the subtyping hierarchy, there should be a local copy of each inherited Attribute. That is where the problem in mapping it to IDEF1X categorization occurs.

IDEF1X does not have a local copy of each inherited attribute at each level of the categorization. Instead, only one copy of those attributes is owned by only one entity - the generic entity. Also, in IDEF1X each instance of a category entity has foreign keys migrated from the corresponding instance of its generic entity, while in CDIF this is not true. In CDIF, at the instance level, there does not have to be an instance of a generic entity for an instance of a corresponding category entity. So, if there are only two types of instructors - full-time and part-time, and there are no other types, then, from the implementation point of view, we do not need to have the "Instructor" table in the relational database because ALL the instances are going to be in either the "Full-Time-Instructor" table or the "Part-Time-Instructor" table.

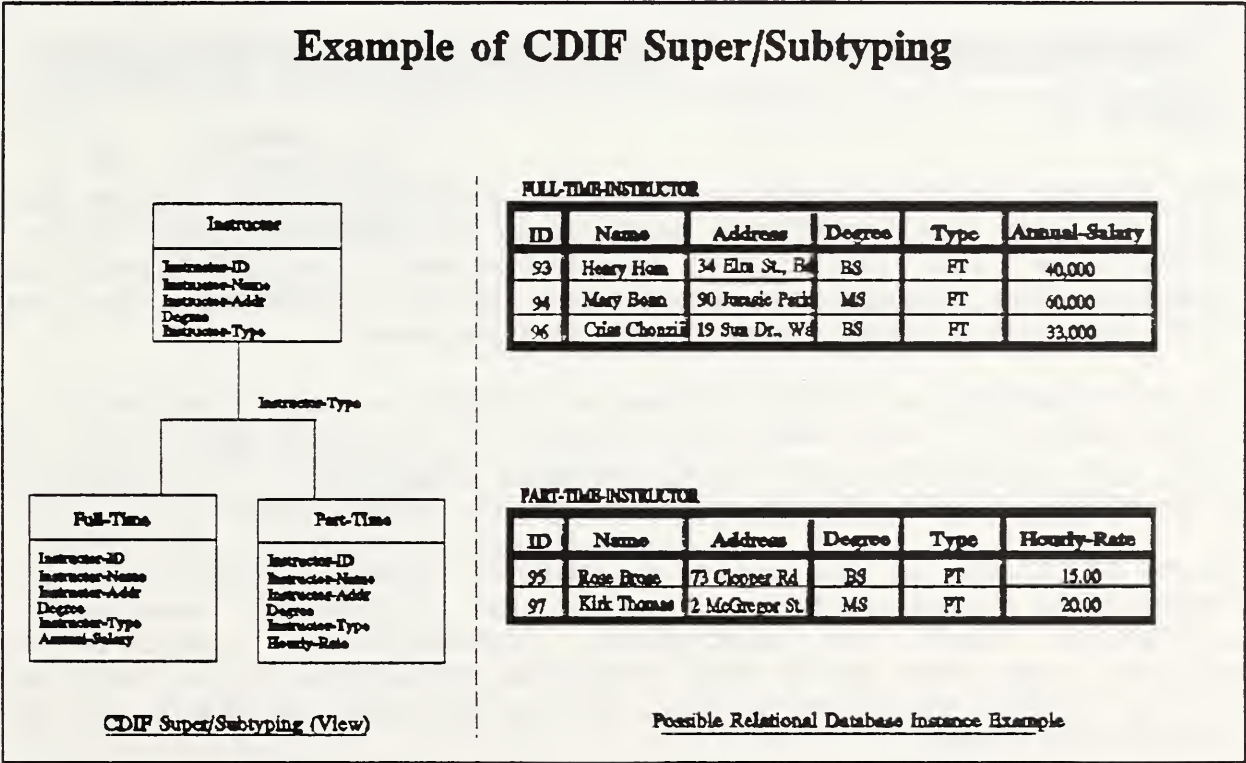
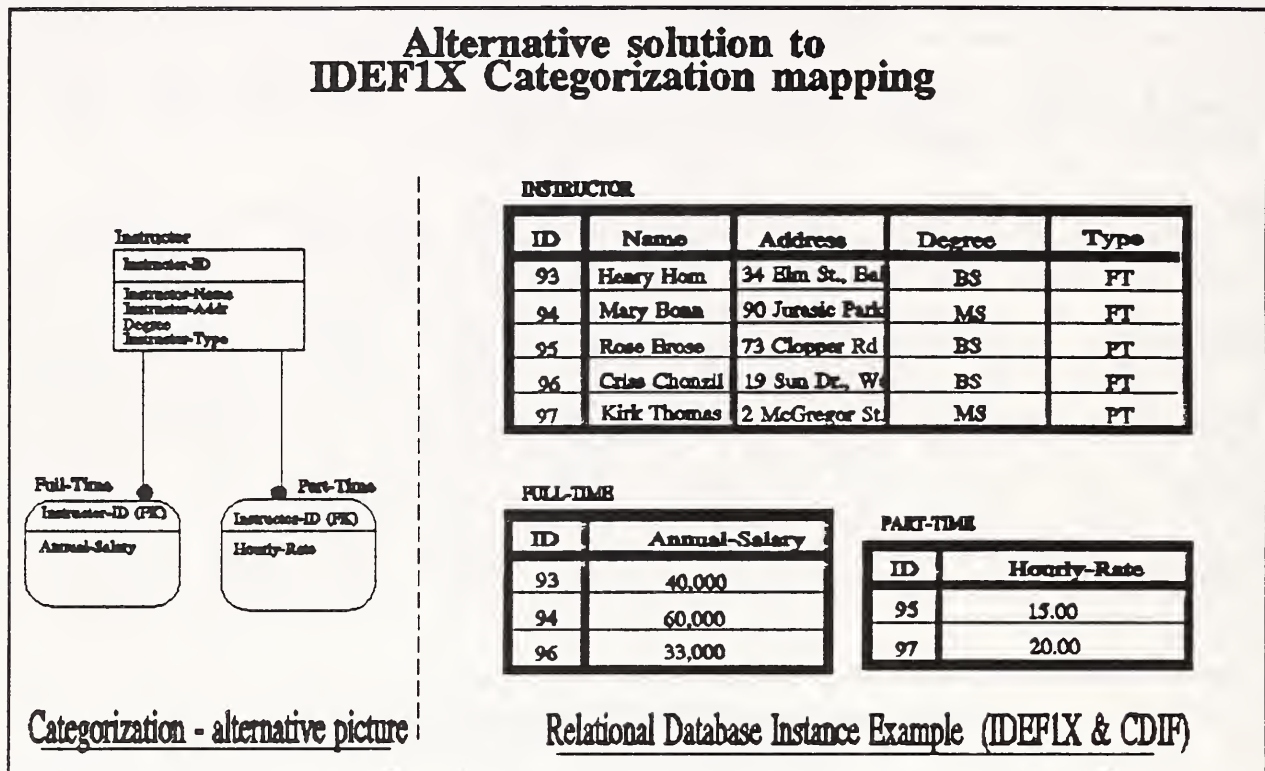


Figure 7

## Solutions

One solution is to treat an IDEF1X categorization, while mapping to CDIF, as a set of one-to-zero-or-one mutually exclusive relationships from the generic entity to the category entities. In this case we will have the same tables (extension and intention) for CDIF and IDEF1X in the relational database.



**Figure 8**

But even though in this case we have the same database scheme for IDEF1X and CDIF, we lose the important meaning of categorization. How do we show that "Full-Time" and "Part-Time" are different types of "Instructor?" We are missing the important construct which contains the means of supertype/subtype, inheritance, and completeness.

The second solution is simply to map an IDEF1X categorization to the CDIF super/subtyping. In this case we probably will preserve all the important means of the concept, but will have a different structure for the instance level, which may be acceptable in some cases.

The third solution is to treat an IDEF1X categorization as a type of super/subtyping construct with all the important meanings of the categorization such as subtyping, inheritance, completeness, and exclusivity<sup>1</sup>, and then force the instance structure to be very much like one for the IDEF1X categorization. We can do this by combining our first and second solutions.

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<sup>1</sup>The concept of exclusivity is still open to discussion but looks like it can be easily solved.



## Solutions 1 and 2.

## Solution 3 as a combination of 1 & 2.

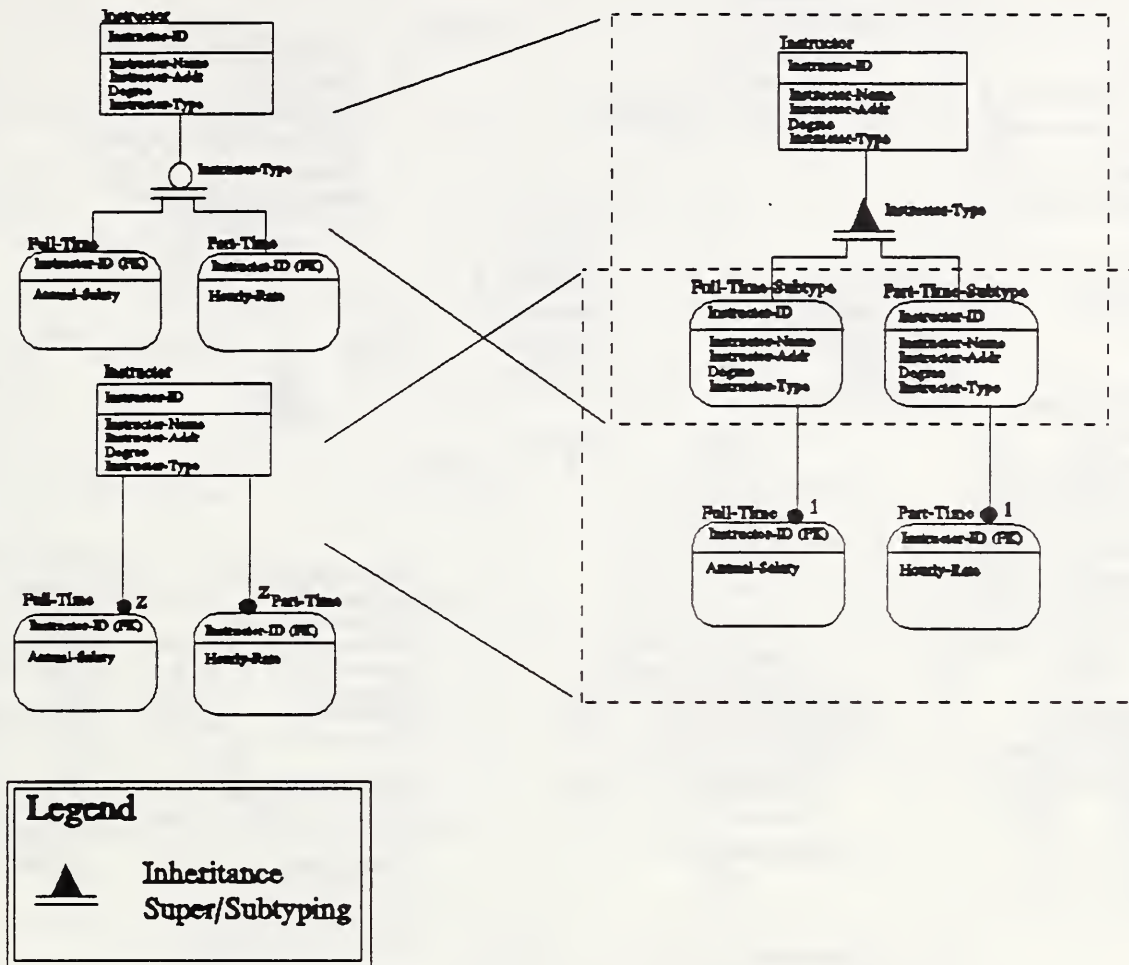



Figure 9

The construct<sup>1</sup>  transfers semantics of IDEF1X categorization, while the set of (2 in this case) exclusive relationships transfers the meaning of instantiation of IDEF1X categorization.

<sup>1</sup>This construct was introduced in its graphical form just to simplify the explanation of the mapping. It represents CDIF subtyping, which includes inheritance, coverage (completeness), orthogonality (two or more categorizations for a generic entity are allowed), and exclusivity.

## APPENDIX B: HELPFUL DIAGRAMS

These diagrams are provided here to help the reader who is trying to "walk through" the mapping example. They contain *CDIFIdentifiers* for most of the CDIF meta-entities and some meta-relationships.

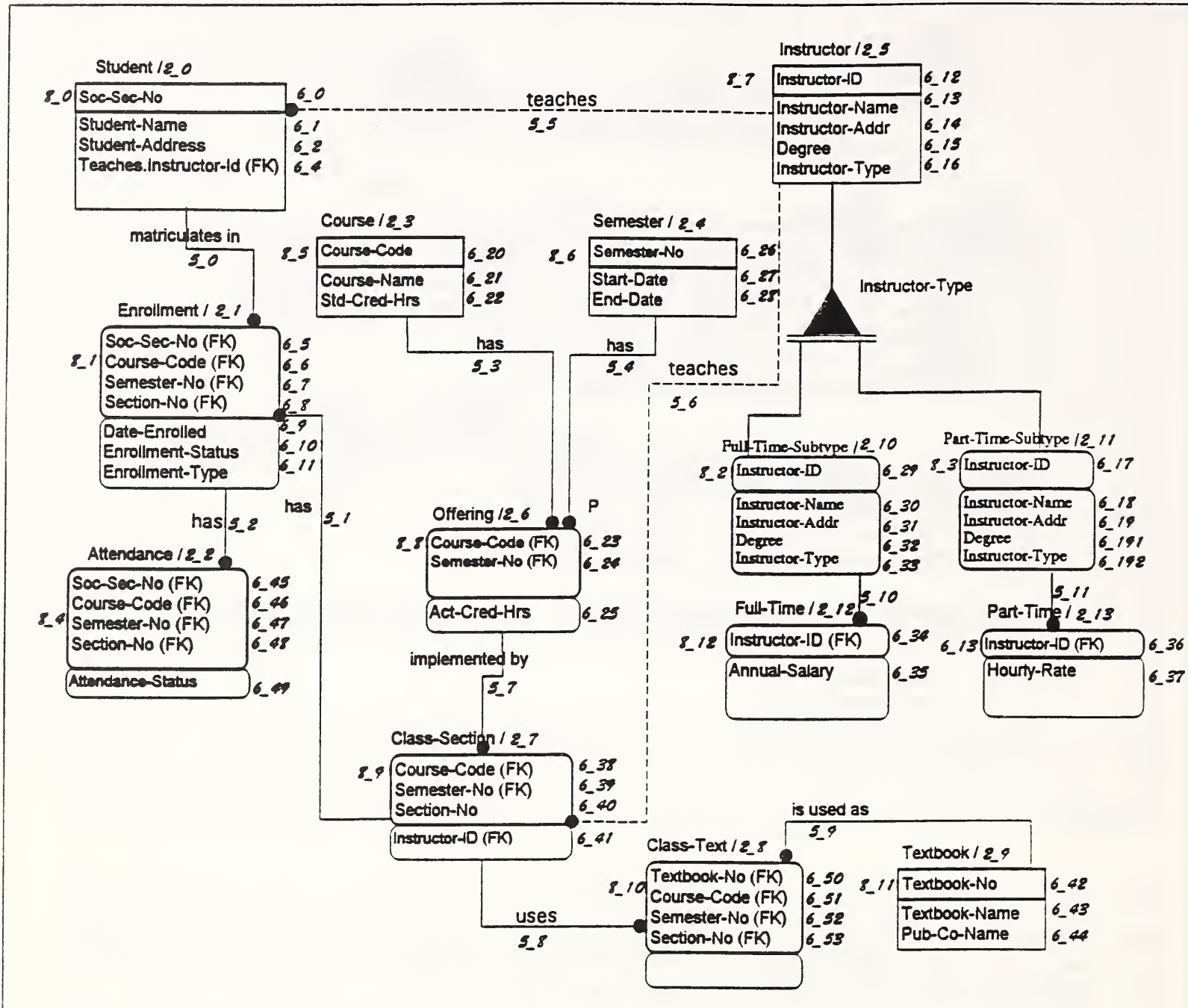
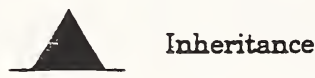


Figure 11

### Legend for CDIF IDs:

- 5\_\* Relationship
- 6\_\* Attribute
- 8\_\* CandidateKey
- 2\_\* Entity

### Legend for invented symbols:





# APPENDIX B: HELPFUL DIAGRAMS (cont.)

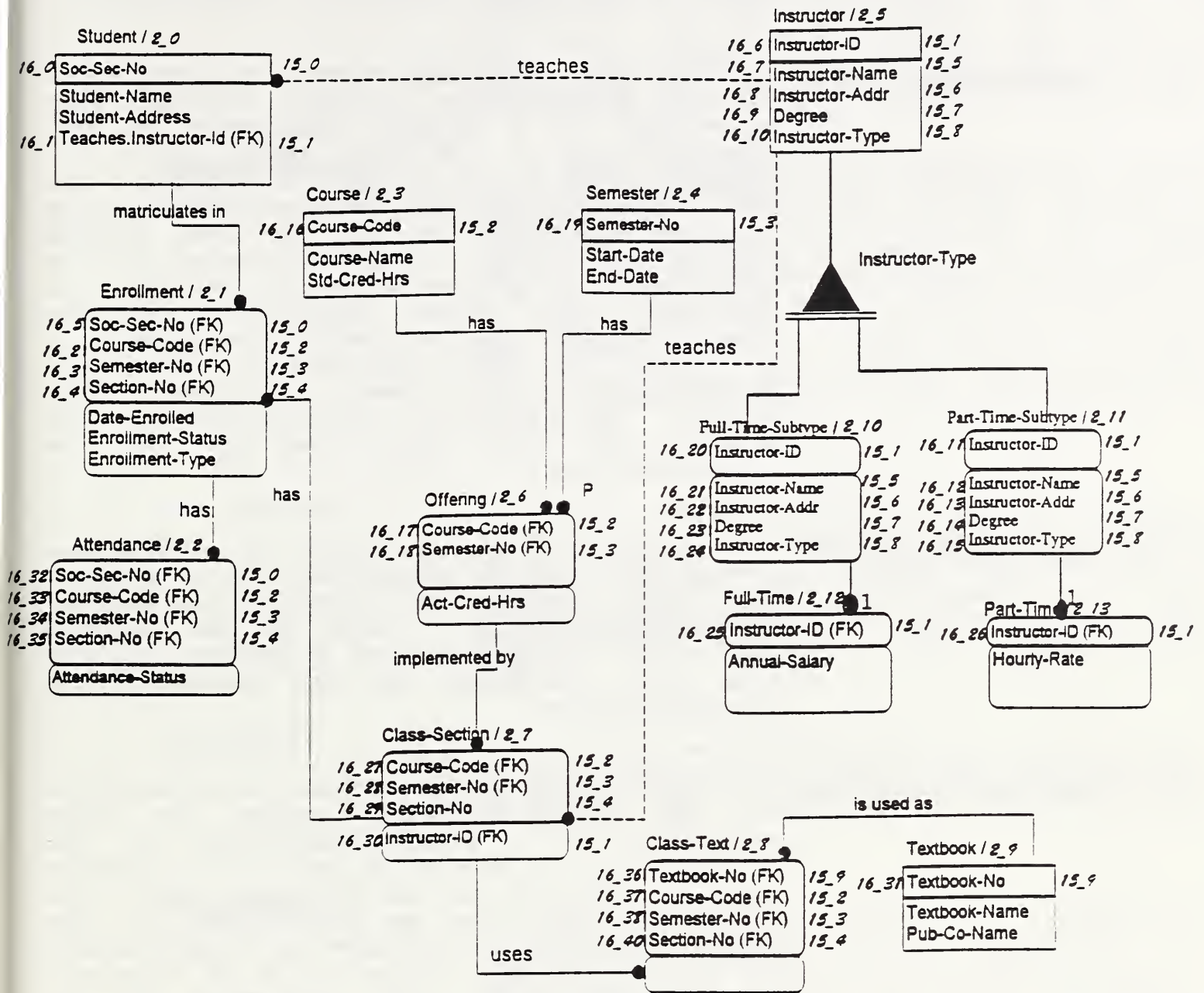


Figure 12

Legend for CDIF IDs:

15\_ • AttributeDefinition

16\_ • Attribute.IsBasedOn.AttributeDefinition

/ • Entity

Legend for invented symbols:



Inheritance

## GLOSSARY

### **CDIFIdentifier**

An attribute that uniquely identifies an object in the Model Section of a transfer.

### **MinInnerCardinality**

Defines the minimum number of occurrences of the *Relationship* related through this *RolePlayer* to a single occurrence of the *DataModelObject*. If the value is 0, it indicates that the *RolePlayer* is Optional, and that therefore there can be occurrences of the *DataModelObject* that do not take part (acting as this *RolePlayer*) in any occurrences of this *Relationship*. If the value is non-zero, it indicates that each occurrence of the *DataModelObject* shall act as this *RolePlayer* in at least as many occurrences of this *Relationship* as the number specified. This defines the minimum cardinality of the *Relationship* from the viewpoint of the *DataModelObject*.

### **MaxInnerCardinality**

Defines the maximum number of occurrences of the *Relationship* acting as this *RolePlayer* that can be connected to a single occurrence of the *DataModelObject*. This is the maximum cardinality of the owning *Relationship* seen from the viewpoint of the participating *DataModelObject*.

### **MinOuterCardinality**

Defines the minimum number of occurrences of the *DataModelObject* acting as this *RolePlayer* to a single occurrence of the *Relationship*. If the value is 0, it indicates that the *RolePlayer* is Optional, and that therefore there can be occurrences of the *Relationship* that do not have any object acting as this *RolePlayer*. If the value is non-zero, it indicates that each occurrence of the *Relationship* shall have at least the number specified of related object occurrences in this *RolePlayer*.

### **MaxOuterCardinality**

Defines the maximum number of occurrences of the *DataModelObject* acting as this *RolePlayer* that can be connected to a single occurrence of the *Relationship*.

### **Kernel**

This classification is used for an entity

whose instances are meaningful without the occurrences of other entities. For example, an instance of an entity, having a name and a description, is significant without the knowledge of the data model to which it belongs. The fact that an entity can be kernel does not imply that it can be uniquely identified without other scoping information.

#### **Characteristic**

Each instance of a characteristic entity is logically related to a single instance of another entity. Therefore, the attributes could be considered to belong to the related entity, where the owning entity is related to the characteristic entity with a relationship of cardinality 1:1. Characteristic entities are usually used to group together related attributes which are optional, and enable the kernel entity to have a smaller fixed set of attributes.

#### **Associative**

This classification is used for entities whose existence is dependent upon the existence of two or more other entities; they are used to resolve many-to-many relationships et al. *Entity* instances cannot exist without the existence of instances of the related entity types.

#### **IsPrimary**

A local meta-attribute of a *CandidateKey*. If *TRUE*, this defines a particular *CandidateKey* as having been selected as the primary key for an *Entity*.

#### **SequenceNo**

A local meta-attribute of a *DataObject*. *IsDescribedBy.SemanticInformationObject*. This defines the place of the object within the set which occur within the parent *DataObject*. Constraints: No two components within the same *DataObject* should have the same value for *SequenceNo*.



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